

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ▪ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes ▪ June 2, 2015
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: K. Rawn (chair), J. Coite (representing T. Tussing), P. Ferrigno (arrived at 6:55 PM), V. Raymond, M. Reich, W. Ryan

Staff Present: Carrington, Dilaj

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rawn.

Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2015 Minutes – Reich MOVED, Coite seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. A question was raised regarding language related to the sewer assessments, however further discussion clarified the matter. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Ryan abstaining.

Public Comment

Ms. Supernant asked questions regarding the landfill easement language and consolidation of the conservation easements, the term Final Design, and what is the ability for interveners of the Water Diversion Permit to appeal decision.

Old Business

- a. **Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning.** Coite provided an update on the water project. He explained that the public hearing was held on March 25, 2015 in the council chamber and the evidentiary portion of the public hearing was held on March 26, 2015 at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) Office in Hartford. The hearing officer provided a recommendation for approval of the Water Diversion permit on May 29, 2015. In addition, a final permit was issued just prior to tonight's meeting with signature from the CTDEEP commissioner. The next steps for the project include coordination between Connecticut Water Company (CWC) and Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT). Construction is expected for completion between late 2016 and early 2017. Coite explained that they are merging the conservation areas and reminded everyone that the existing language indicates a right to convey easements contingent upon CTDEEPs approval.
- b. Carrington provide explained the Town of Mansfield and UConn are meeting every few weeks to work through a comprehensive sewer agreement. The two parties are working to get this completed as soon as possible.

Dilaj provided an update concerning the wastewater project indicating the Town is working with a consultant to prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation based upon the comments received and comments made by CTDEEP during the Public Hearing that was held on March 18, 2015. The public comment period was extended until April 6, 2015 due to April 3, 2015 being a holiday. This document is estimated to be published in the July / August timeframe. Appraisals of the easements are underway and Weston & Sampson has completed a more cost effective alignment.

Reich wanted to know if connecting to sanitary sewer will be mandatory for all property owners. Ferrigno indicated the discussion during previous meetings was that the connection is not mandatory except for those with failing septic systems or systems requiring repair and future land uses. This was reiterated by Carrington indicating that during the Public Informational

process this has been the stance of the Town while the current ordinance is silent on the matter. A motion was made by Reich for the Four Corners Committee to recommend to the WPCA to clarify the matter. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Coite abstaining.

- c. The commercial unit size was reduced to 500 square feet and was circulated to the committee. The Committee requested staff provide a summary table by use along with a map indicating the numbering for each of the parcels.

New Business

No updates.

Correspondence and Meeting Reports

No updates.

Future Meetings

The next scheduled meeting is July 7, 2015 in conference room B.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek M Dilaj, PE
Assistant Town Engineer